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**September/October 2016**

*Open Hearts*  
*Open Minds*  
*Open Doors*

## **2016 - The Year of Prayer**



### *Pemberton Lake, Pemberton, NJ*

#### **Autumn**

**When God paints each leaf with the rays of the  
SUN**

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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Have you ever invited a friend to your favorite restaurant because you love the food there and because you also wanted your friend to have the same dining experience?

That's what I do whenever I have a chance.

Let me tell you a story of a Chinese restaurant in Little Silver (Monmouth County), Little Szechuan. I used to go there for 16 years. Why was I a loyal customer there? First, the price was right. Next, the food was great. Third, the service was excellent.

The waiters knew me there and liked me, too. Even the owner recognized me with a smile each time I went. They even knew what my favorite dish was, what kind of soup and rice I liked. I have tasted all of the 18 entries in their lunch menu and liked every dish except two. No wonder the waiters were delighted to see me each time. But they got more excited when I brought company: sometimes one, other times four, and more than once, a dozen. Their smiles became even bigger than usual.

Why am I sharing this? Because, all of us would like to see more people at our services each Sunday morning. We would like them to come closer to God through worship.

So, here's my recommendation: how about inviting unchurched friends to our services? Let's consider MUMC as a spiritual restaurant where people come and get spiritually fed. We can invite our unchurched friends (with any background: Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist ) and let them be filled with God's blessing and taste our church—the genuine worship experience that includes God's presence and love, and, of course, our friendliness (we are well known for that). Tell them with confidence that they can learn a thing or two about God and themselves from the pastor's sermons, too. After the service, you can even treat them at your favorite restaurant for brunch or lunch.

The bottom line is this: Are you glad that you are a member of God's family? Are you grateful that you have eternal life in Jesus? Then, would you not share such a blessing with your friends? Let us fill God's house with the people who need the Lord. The real question is this: who's going to bring them to Jesus? You and I.

Let's try this: how about if we have a goal of **20/10 more people** in each service **by the end of the year (20 for 8:30 service and 10 for 11 service)**? By the way, it is very achievable, and when we reach that goal, we will feel good about our services and the joy in Heaven will be great.

Would you join me in this endeavor, both in prayers and actions?

See you at church.

Kyewoon

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Kathleen M Tunes

Whew! What a hot and sticky summer. Praising God that our church family stayed safe throughout these summer days. Gratefully we stayed cool, as well, through our wonderful VBS week and our successful hosting for Family Promise. Thank you, to all of the volunteers that helped make every outreach and event we do, a success. Here is our continuing schedule throughout Sept & Oct:

\*Sept 4: Communion Sunday- Senior Choir -Special Music Sara Choi- Pastor's sermon "Will He Find Us Watching?"

\*Sept 11: Sunday School kickoff (Blessing of children & teachers @ 11) Special Music: Senior Choir. Pastor's sermon "Why So Much Evil?"

\*\*Choir to sing at special services for 9-11 @ St. Mary's 6:00pm

\*Sept 18: Regular Services- Pastor's sermon "Why do People Need Jesus?"

\*Sept 25: Regular Services- Pastor's sermon "Why Do People Need Church?"

\*Oct 2: Communion/Senior Choir- Pastor's sermon "Concerning the Lord's Supper"

\*Oct 9: Holy Spirit Ringers (both services)/ Baptism @ 11:00 Pastor's sermon "Why Do People Need MUMC?"

\*Oct 16: Laity Sunday (One Service): Receiving of new members

\*Oct 23: Regular Service- Pastor's sermon "Spiritual Warfare 1"

\*Oct 29: Church Conference 3:00 pm -Toms River

\*Oct 30: Regular service/ Trick or Trunk @ 9:45 am/ Pastor's sermon "Spiritual Warfare 2"

**Help Wanted**

Candle  
Lighters

Sign up sheets in Narthex



Readers



Greeters,  
Ushers

**AUTUMN REGATTA**

Wings trimmed, legs trailing,  
Tacking down the south skies  
Geese sail,  
Summer in their wake.

—Norma Paul



**MUSIC NOTES by Vel**

Choir practice resumed Wednesday evening, August 31. We will continue to have practice every Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM to a little after 8:00.

We hope to gain additional members so that it will not be necessary for first service singers to remain for the entire second service. With that in mind, if you are willing to help us make a joyful noise to the Lord at either service, please come sing with us. No previous experience is necessary. We will help you to learn to sing and to learn whatever part you wish to sing.

The choir will be singing for Sept 11 in the morning. Additionally, we have been Invited to sing for the Patriots Day Service at St. Mary's church at 6:00 PM that evening. Choir is asked to be there by 5:30. Dress code will be any combination of red, white and/or blue (all three not required.) If you just want to participate in that occasion, come and practice with us on Sept 7th at 7:00 PM.

Looking ahead, the choir will be presenting the cantata **Invitation To A Miracle** by Joseph Martin for worship on Sunday, Dec. 18th. We will be starting to learn it immediately. You are also invited to sing with us in it.

**JUNIOR BELLS:**

Junior Bells will resume practice on Monday, Sept 19 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

We really need additional ringers. Any child who has finished first grade is welcome. I do however need to know who is coming so that I can have music prepared for each Ringer. If your child is interested, please get the following information to me no later than Sept 14 so I can make appropriate plans:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

E mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Any Sundays they will **NOT** be available to play.

**HOLY SPIRIT RINGERS****Rehearsal Dates:**

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>

December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

**\*Play Dates:**

Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>

**\*all play dates include both services**

If you have any conflicts with the schedule, please email Joe at [vekkeo@yahoo.com](mailto:vekkeo@yahoo.com) or call 609-488-1786

**KNITTERS GROUP:**

Our knitters group will resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept 1st from 3-4:00 PM. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please come and join us. We make Sweaters, baby caps and/or blankets for needy children throughout the world. To Date we have donated over 200 sweaters to "Knit for Kids". Which were given to Children living in the poorest areas of Armenia, Bosnia, Burundi, Chad, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ghana, Lesotho, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Romania, Somalia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the United States. Christ said: In as much as you have done it for one of the least of these, you have done it for me.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Well the summer has come to a close and its time for Youth Group again. For September 12th, 19th & 26th all kids in 4th grade through 12th grade are welcome to join us as we get to catch up with everyone and meet any new members. We are planning another wonderful year of activities and fundraisers. To see our full schedule please go to [youth.manahawkinmethodist.org](http://youth.manahawkinmethodist.org). We can't wait to see everyone this September.

-Thank you and God Bless,  
Randy and Vanessa Estelow

**MEN'S CLUB**

In August the Men's Club hosted a picnic for the ladies from Teen Challenge. We would like to thank the many members of the congregation for their effort and donations that made the picnic a huge success. And we would like to remind all the men of the congregation to join us for fellowship on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast at 8:15 at the Horizon Diner on Bay Avenue in Manahawkin.

Submitted by Richard Watson

**LEGACY**

(Thoughts to live by)  
by

Kenneth Schorr

As we get older we begin to think about getting our affairs in order just in case something should happen to us. An example would be a will. This document gives specific instructions as to what to do with things of value; to pass on to those we love or care about. At times the "gift" may not appear to have immediate value; but, with the passing of time, it may in fact be more valuable than we could imagine. Call this a legacy.

It's no secret that church membership is shrinking and aging. Due to the shortage of human and financial capital, to make changes is to take risk. There are many reasons for not making changes: comfort, familiarity, laziness and apathy just to name a few. Change is resisted not because some people's needs are being met; change is resisted because of fear. However fear of change is blind. Change is taking place all around us; in neighborhoods, families, social values, in the type of people who look to the church for vision, hope and leadership. These include but are not limited to, the homeless, the hungry, the returning prisoner, the abused and one of the most important of all - our youth. The church that fears change will go backwards, become self-serving. A self-serving church drives people away. In so doing they fail to see that once they are gone what is left? What is its legacy? In time the church will die.

Perhaps one of the greatest challenges is the drifting away of our youth from church. Peer pressure, materialism, media, self absorbed parents are a few of the things that pull at today's youth. Society glamorizes certain lifestyles such as pregnant unwed movie stars, music and sports figures; our youth (and many adults) look at them with God like fascination. Church becomes boring. So many Churches have gone to services that are more like a rock concert instead of one that worships God. These services make you "feel good." The service is like being on vacation on an island rather than a bridge to God's presence. What happens when the vacation is over and comes to an end as they all do? Will our youth be able to cope with the real world?

A Christ centered church is one that has good outreach programs including those for youth; they are the future for any church. Sadly, we find all too many churches that have little if any outreach ministries, little if any youth. It is easy to see why. So many are wrapped up in themselves; self serving. Their image is that of a country club where people came to have a good time, or they are like the Alamo surrounded by a hostile world. For some the church is like a museum or nursing home. Few have the courage to ask themselves why are new people and our youth not

coming? They lack vision! What makes this so tragic is in talking to some pastors and members about the problem, there was nothing but denial and excuses. What is their legacy?

What can we do to reach out to people including our youth? How do we show community this is a Christ centered church; that it is not about programs; it is about people?

Old attitudes must be overcome. Our attitudes and actions reflect how much of a Christian we really are. The church needs to be challenged and in turn needs to challenge society; to deflate the myths!

We should never compromise the Gospels or the hope they bring. People including our youth need to know they are loved, shown compassion, forgiven, not isolated. Listened to, not ostracized. Putting up roadblocks to people including youth, exposes the church for what it really is; short sighted and hypocritical. In a sense we de-humanize people.

America and Christianity as a whole is at a spiritual crossroad; what road churches take not only with youth but also with other social issues will determine if the church is alive and vibrant in Christ or on its deathbed. To simply state we want to get new people or reach youth avoids the real issues. Without immediate change people including youth will continue to look elsewhere. Disillusioned by a unforgiving, judgmental, non-caring church, membership will continue its downward spiral until the doors slam shut, never to re-open. What then is our (your) legacy?

There is no quick fix; it's going time, patience, faith and prayer. If we develop a long term vision however, if we all labor toward that vision, if we allow the Holy Spirit to enter and if we respond in faith to God's call, renewal will come. Victory is ours! That's a legacy!

**LOADS OF LOVE MISSION**

continues to be a success

On April 28th we sponsored:

6 regular washes

2 heavy duty washes

13 dryer loads

Thanks to Pauline and Jim McShea, Holly Gallagher, Angela Lowe, Edna Winans and of course Pastor Choi for supporting this mission. We are serving new people as well as repeat customers.

**FAMILY PROMISE****Keeping YOU in the loop: Family Promise 2016 (FP) ...**

Thank you for donating and lending a hand to help us reach our hospitality goals for the homeless. As many of you know we were the Host Congregation for Family Promise of Southern Ocean County on July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Through our congregation's efforts we were able to turn some of our church preschool rooms into temporary hospitality rooms for our FP family. Our hosting week could not have been a success without all of the donations and food provided by MUMC members. We helped one family of two adults, a twelve year-old, and a ten year-old. Your donations of meals for seven evenings and items to feed our guests for breakfast, lunch, and snacks were once again outstanding! Thanks to all who joined our guests as evening fellowship hosts or who worked as part of the set up team, tear down team, sleep over chaperones, provided evening meals, bedding donations/washing team etc...

Many members from our congregation who actively participated would like to share that the entire experience was rewarding and an extremely worthwhile endeavor! Everyone felt blessed to be part of this mission! We look forward to continuing this mission next summer. Please continue to pray for our Family Promise Mission.

Reaching out, lending a hand, and opening our hearts ... this is our commitment to the local Family Promise organization. Great work MUMC!

Host Coordinators,

Pauline McShea and Beth Schenck

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

Shop-Rite card sales continue to drop. I hope things pick up again after the summer vacation season. Profit for June, July and August was \$275.00. Last year, we had \$377.50 profit for the same period.

This is the program we have with Shop-Rite, where the Church buys gift cards at a 5% discount and then resells them to the congregation and friends for face value. The cards never expire and can be used at any Shop-Rite. They come in denominations of \$100.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00. Orders are taken on the first Sunday of each month and given to the purchasers on the second Sunday. We usually have extra cards if you forget to order on the first Sunday and would like to help with this easy way of adding to our Church income.

See Lovisa Hill at the 8:30 service or Millie Plant at 11:00 if you would like to try this easy way of paying for your groceries.



The preschool reopens on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to working with a new group of students and some new teachers as well. Laura Swearingen is our new Pre K teacher and Beth Schriever is our new Preschool teacher. Both women have experience teaching in a Christian school and have a special love for young children; we are so fortunate to have them join us!

Our September calendar is filling up very quickly with Life Touch portraits, speech and vision screenings and the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of September 26<sup>th</sup> in the large classroom. Please come in to shop on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> to help support MMP. Later in October we will visit the pumpkin patch and have our Halloween Parades.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help us settle our criers. Please remember us in your prayers for another fantastic school year.

Lisa Mower

Preschool Director

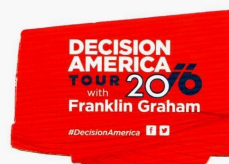
(597-0407) or email me at

[director@manahawkinpreschool.com](mailto:director@manahawkinpreschool.com).

**MARINA'S MISSION**

Marina Milia has founded an organization called "Marina's Mission". Marina won a scholarship to attend the EMS World Exhibit/Conference, but with the recent flooding in Louisiana, Marina also wanted to take donations down with her to bring relief to the most recent victims. She is collecting clothing (all sizes), small toys, shoes, animal supplies, and personal hygiene products.

She will be accepting donations in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, between 10am and 5pm. She is also in need of volunteers to help sort through donations on that day as well as pick up donations throughout Ocean County.



Please join us for a prayer rally with  
**Franklin Graham**

Trenton, New Jersey  
at the Capitol Front Plaza (125 W. State St.)  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 12-1 p.m.

[DecisionAmericaTour.com](http://DecisionAmericaTour.com)

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### LETTER FROM APPALACHIA PROJECT

Dear Rev. Kyewoon Choi & Manahawkin Family:

Without having met you in person, I realize that addressing you by name may come across as reaching. However, I want you to know how I and all of us at Appalachia Service Project, including hundreds of families living in a flood plain-see you:

You are our friend!

You are known to us!

I'm Jake Shields, the Program Manager for the counties affected by the devastating floods in West Virginia, and I am blessed to play a part in ASP's disaster response.

I received a call from our Greenbrier County staff during the second week of our summer program, telling me about water coming into their center. After several calls of increasing severity, informing me of the rising water levels in the center and the predicament of three volunteer crews now stranded on their work sites, it became bitterly apparent what was happening. When roads were finally deemed safe for travel, the reality of what had transpired began to sink in.

The rebuilding process seemed impossible. Where do you begin to serve or lend a hand in an area where the level of poverty is already staggering and is now reeling from a natural disaster?

Your response of love and generosity reminded me of how we ought to respond in the face of any adversity.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as you can." -John Wesley

I want to personally thank you for playing a vital role in the recovery process in West Virginia, and for embodying the values I believe we are all called to exemplify. Your generosity has given ASP the means to do all the good we can, and for that I am forever grateful, as are the countless families affected by this tragedy.

Thank you so much for your partnership and your gift of \$755.

If you find yourself in southern West Virginia in the near future and happen to come upon a tall, lanky guy looking dapper in his sporty ASP polo, give me a hug.

Friends hug.

Much love,

**Jake**

### MISSIONS

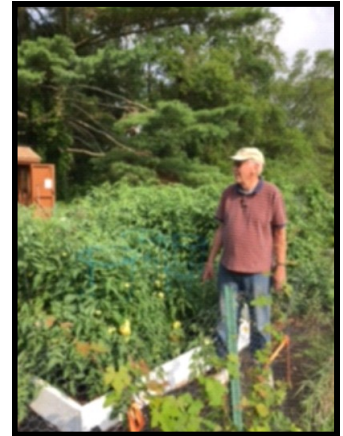
#### Appalachia

A collection was taken for the Appalachian Service Project which was very successful. Members worked in West Va. for two families who didn't even have running water. In the Spring, the rains came, and with it came the floods. We collected over \$700.00 and the Mission Committee gave \$100.00 from their funds. Thank you all.

#### Louisiana

Marina Milia is collecting used but good clothes for the recent flood victims in Louisiana. These will be collected on Saturday, September 3rd, at the church. Ken Naylor has donated his time and a bus to carry the items to where they need to go. So look in your closets for things that are too small or you are tired of wearing, and bring them to church. Thank you Marina and Ken for taking the initiative!!

#### Garden



We finished picking our vegetables and are relaxing in front of our new shed. Janet and Don Estelow, Joyce Gould, Jane Armstrong, and Art Hill.



I'd like to personally thank everyone for the warm welcome as the new Superintendent of the Sunday School. Words can't express what an honor it is for me or the excitement I feel as I think about all the ways we will continue to teach our children how to grow in their faith. With God's guiding hands, I know it will be an experience of a lifetime! I'd also like to give an enormous THANK YOU to Rosemary Molinaro, who has poured her heart and soul into this program over the past few years. Our church family, and especially the children, want to thank her for her loving dedication to the program and helping all to know Jesus Christ and to grow in faith and love. Rosemary can never be replaced, but we will honor her efforts by carrying on her work of faith.

#### **PAST EVENTS:**

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** was so much fun! Held this past July, we had 25 children register and attend! We also raised over \$150 which will go towards "A Future with Hope- No More Malaria". Thank you to all our children who attended and learned that "God is with me wherever I go" and also for all the hard work from our teachers/volunteers. Below are some pictures of all the fun we had during the week of VBS!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Sun, September 11, 9:45am Fellowship Hall and 11:00am service: \*Welcome Back Celebration\***
  - We will have our annual **WELCOME BACK** celebration at 9:45am in Fellowship Hall. We will introduce our teachers / meet and greet with parents and will be unveiling a new SPECIAL FRIEND who will be joining us this year!! We will be voting on our new furry friend's name- you don't want to miss this!!
  - At our Sept 11, 11am service we will have the **Blessing of Teachers and Children by their Parents with Pastor Choi**. We ask that parents and their children share in this special event with us!



- **Sun, September 25, 3:00pm: \*Special Family Fellowship Night!\***
  - Keep watch for more details and RSVP info! The entire church and their family is invited to join in!
- **Sun, October 30, 9:45am: \*Halloween Trunk or Treat\***
  - Exciting new additions at this year's event! Come out and join us!

#### **REQUESTS/REMINDERS:**

- **Please make sure to register children for Sunday School** at <http://ss.manahawkinmethodist.org/>. Ages 4+ are encouraged to join us!
- **Look for Sunday School Volunteer sign-up sheets to be posted!** We are asking all parents and our church family to continue to help us with various events we have planned throughout the year and we'd like to get an official list of names and contact info. in order to reach out prior to these events. Or, you can sign-up via an e-mail to me at [ss@manahawkinmethodist.org](mailto:ss@manahawkinmethodist.org) . We need helpers, bakers, etc! Thank you so much for all your support!

**We continue to challenge our church community to help us grow our Sunday School membership** by spreading the word about our program and events, reaching out to those in the surrounding communities, and passing on an invitation to children whom you know of who may be interested to join our program!! All welcome ages 4+ on up!! Thank you!!

*Proverbs 22:6- Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Submitted by Marissa Barry  
Sunday School Superintendent



## 9/11 REMEMBERED



Submitted by Rosemary Molinaro



September 11, 2016, marks the fifteenth anniversary of the day our world would change forever. Our eyes were glued to the television, not believing what we were witnessing. We all remember where we were and what we were doing when the first plane hit. I was at work, and everyone was gathered around the one television that was in the building. I remember walking away because I could not bare to watch the Towers fall. Then I began calling family members to make sure everyone was okay. So many lives lost; so many lives broken; so many lives remember and will never forget. John 16:33 states "In Me you will find peace. You will suffer in the world. But take courage; I have overcome the world."

On September 11, 2002, the first anniversary, I wrote the following poem and sent it out to my family and friends. I needed a way to express my feelings as we relived that day. I would like to send it out to my church family on this anniversary. The first line has been changed to fit the year, but the rest of the poem holds true even today, fifteen years later.

*Fifteen years ago our world was changed  
In a way we could not foresee.  
Our lives now filled with cautious days  
And much uncertainty.*

*The place you hold within my heart  
Is special and so dear.  
And losing you, or leaving you  
Has been my constant fear.*

*So if by someone's vicious hand  
Today would be my last.  
I want to say "I love you,"  
Before the chance has passed.*

*But if by grace, as I wish for you  
God grants us many years.  
I pray that we will know true peace  
Instead of sorrow, pain and tears.*

*God bless you and keep you safe.  
Pray for peace.*



**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

- Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Communion: Sunday, September 4, both services
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 10, 8:15 A.M. Horizon Diner
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, September 11 at both services
- Sunday School Welcome Back: Sunday, September 11, 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday School Blessing of Children and Teachers: September 11, 11 A.M. service
- Choir: 9/11 Service, at St. Mary of the Pines, 6 P.M. (100 Bishop Way, Manahawkin)-
- Praying for America: Wednesday, September 14, in Trenton. TBA
- Membership Classes: Sunday, September 18 and 25, 10 A.M.
- Council Meeting: Monday, September 19, 7 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 7 P.M.
- Loads of Love: Thursday, September 30, 6-8 P.M.
- Sunday School Fellowship Night: TBA
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
- Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

- Worship Hours: Sundays (10/2, 9, 23, 30) Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Communion: Sunday, October 2, both services
- Baptisms: Sunday, 10/9, at 11 A.M. service
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, October 9
- Laity Sunday, 10/16: One Service at 10 A.M. New members received
- Loads of Love: Thursday, October 27, 6-8 P.M.
- Church Conference: Saturday, October 29, 3 P.M., First UMC in Toms River
- Sunday School Halloween Event: Sunday, October 30, 9:45 A.M.
- Men's Breakfast: TBA.
- Trustees Meeting: TBA
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
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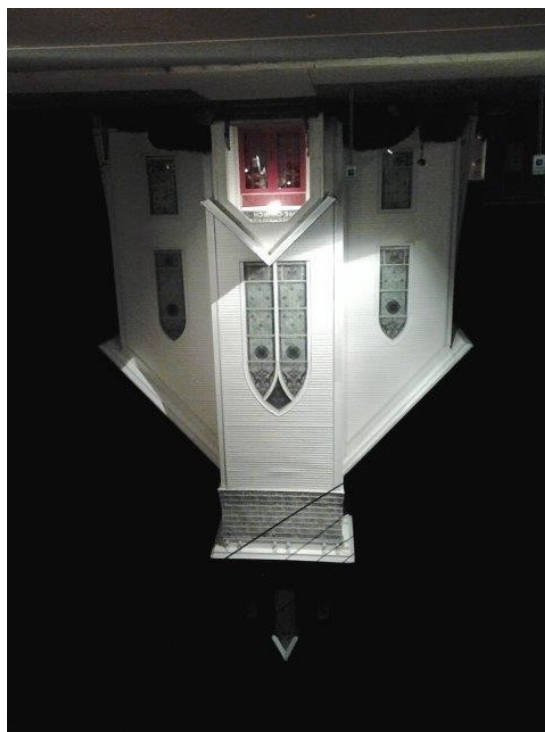
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